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MEMBER WHO SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDREW HIS APPLICATION.

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1. FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 5 THAT
ROKG HAD APPROVED ISSUANCE OF VISA TO JSP VISITING MISSION
ADVANCE SCOUT SUGIYAMA SHOZO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF JSP
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU. AS INDICATED REF A AND C, PREPARATIONS
HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SUGIYAMA TO EXPLAIN TO KOREANS WHAT
PARTY PURPOSES ARE, IN ORDER THAT KOREANS MIGHT MAKE
FINAL DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE JSP VISIT.

2. PAK SAID THAT KOREAN GOVERNMENT WAS OPEN-MINDED ABOUT
POSSIBLE VISIT OF JSP DELEGATION. KOREA WOULD NOT
ALLOW GROUP TO COME IF ITS INTENTION WAS TO INTERFERE
IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IF JAPANESE SOCIALIST
PARTY SIMPLY WANTED TO UTILIZE TRIP FOR NARROW
POLITICAL PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH UPCOMING JAPANESE
ELECTION OR OTHERWISE TO FEATHER ITS OWN NEST, IT
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WOULD BE HARMFUL TO JAPANESE/KOREAN RELATIONS. IF ON

THE OTHER HAND MOTIVATION WAS TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND TO IMPROVE JSP UNDERSTANDING OF KOREAN SITUATION AND IMPORTANCE OF KOREAN SECURITY THEN ROKG WOULD WELCOME THEM IN THE INTEREST OF STRENGTHENING OVERALL JAPANESE/KOREAN RELATIONS. THE KOREANS WOULD LISTEN TO SUGIYAMA CAREFULLY TO HEAR WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ABOUT SOCIALIST PARTY'S PURPOSES AND MAKE A FINAL DECISION WITH REGARD TO JSP VISIT AFTER THAT.

3. AMBASSADOR WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT POINTING OUT THAT IF KOREA COULD MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON JSP DELEGATES IT WOULD INDEED BE PLUS FOR OVERALL RELATIONS AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

4. JAZMNESE EMBASSY (HAMADA) TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 6 EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD ROKG HAD APPROVED VISA FOR SUGIYAMA BUT SAID SUGIYAMA HAS NOW WITHDRAWN HIS APPLICATION, LEAVING MATTERS AGAIN UP IN THE AIR. HAMADA SPECULATED THAT IMPENDING JSP PARTY CONFERENCE (MARCH 6-7) MAY ACCOUNT FOR SUGIYAMA'S ACTION, SINCE THERE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR DELEGATION TRIP TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE CONFERENCE. SNEIDER

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